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MEMBRANE CONTAINING SAID)
POLYMERS AND A METHOD FOR THE)
PRODUCTION AND USE OF THE SAME)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3-18.

Please add the following new claims.

- - 19. The sulfonated aromatic polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein X is -CO-.
20. The sulfonated aromatic polymer as claimed in claim 1, wherein Ar¹ and Ar² are, independently of one another, phenylene, naphthylene or biphenylene.
21. The sulfonated aromatic polymer as claimed in claim 1, which further comprises the